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Dear Examiner Cabrera:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 23, 2003, in the above-styled patent application, please amend the application as indicated and consider the appended remarks. Applicant believes that the present amendment distinguishes the claims over the prior art and thus, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.116(b), places the rejected claims in bet better form for

consideration and in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant respectfully enters a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Please find enclosed Amendments to the Claims, including Status of All Claims, a request for three-month extension of time, a request for continued examination, and a check for all appropriate fees.

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